Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

<u>Jackson Washington State Forest</u> <u>Compartment 5 Tract 6</u> <u>30 Day Comment Period Ending: 7/21/2013</u> <u>Comments Received: 1</u>

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide. The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
<ul> <li>Concerned about soil erosion caused by tree harvesting</li> <li>Concerned about impact of existing Mill Creek stream crossing above Starve Hollow Lake and recommends this be accounted for while planning the timber harvest.</li> <li>Concerned about impact the recreation and habitat. Recommends mixed use management.</li> <li>Disagrees with removing ash trees before Emerald Ash Borer gets to them.</li> <li>Concerned about impact to Indiana bat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion concerns.</li> <li>Tract prescription continues the mixed use management suggested, including habitat conservation and recreational use. Recreation use of the area will be restricted during resource management activities.</li> <li>The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat.</li> <li>Emerald Ash Borer is now impacting Ash trees in the Jackson County area. The prescription will not remove all Ash trees, but does utilize trees of significant size ahead of the coming wave of borer damage.</li> <li>The Mill Creek crossing will be included in the harvest planning process as recommended.</li> </ul>